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Wednesday night Ed Hanley, of Dayton, candidate for United Senator, glowingly told an audience at Mansfield that Governor Harmon was a party to the scheme to stop the endorsement of a Senator at the last State convention. This may qualify him as a candidate for Senator in the eyes of the great corporations, but it doesn't fit him as a candidate of the people for that great office. In the face of this Mansfield disclosure the member of the legislature that votes for Ed Hanley for United States Senator should be tossed into the political scrap heap and banished from the State. Good Lord deliver the Democratic party from any more Hanleyism. Another dose would be fatal.

Hamilton G. DeWeese, of Shelby County, a State Democrat of prominence and a man of ability, is being boomed by his friends over the State for Sergeant-at-arms of the National House. His selection would be particularly pleasing to Fourth District Democrats. Mr. DeWeese has a large acquaintance among Democrats of prominence in the States and would prove an admirable and efficient officer. His connection with the last three campaigns in Ohio—commencing with the memorable contest of the late Governor Patterson, when he first became chairman of the speaker's bureau—has added to his prestige. If he consents to the wishes of his friends and enters the fight for Sergeant-at-arms he will no doubt have Ohio's sixteen Congressmen singing his praises until the plum falls in his lap. Keep your eye on Hamilton G. DeWeese.

Billy journeyed for many hours over paddocks and wire fences, wading bravely through creeks, water holes and bracken undergrowth, where the snakes were very numerous and poisonous, till he found himself in a beautiful valley between a blue and a purple mountain. Approaching a vineyard, he asked an old gardener where the Christmas hills lay.

"Yonder," said the man, pointing straight in front of them toward the blue mountain. "This is Yarra Glen."

The little black boy was very hot and thirsty, for the sun had been beating fiercely upon him all the way along, so he begged a few of the round juicy grapes which hung in rich profusion on the vines.

"By all means," said the good natured gardener as he picked him the largest bunch he could find, ripe and inviting, with the bloom upon them. Billy thanked him, saying he hoped some time to be able to return his kindness, and taking the fruit, he continued his way with a light heart.

As he climbed and climbed, rising higher and higher, the green grew smaller and smaller below him till he could not see the old man any more. Soon the hill became so steep and slippery that he was forced to draw himself up from tree to tree by holding first on to one branch and then another. Blue gum and wattles rose high above him in monotonous grandeur till he began to wonder where the Christmas trees and stockings were and how they grew. Feeling thirsty again, he was putting some more grapes into his mouth, when suddenly he perceived a poor old woman lying on the ground, looking very faint and ill.

"Give me some, kind youth!" she gasped. "I have been sunstruck."

"But I have traveled many miles on foot and am parched with thirst," said Billy.

"I am dying," groaned the other feebly. "Have pity."

Whereupon, moved to sympathy, he gave her all he had left.

To his astonishment as she was eating them she turned into a lovely fairy queen all dressed in soft, shimmering blue, the color of the sky.

"As you have done me a service," she said, "I mean to reward you in the way you most want. You shall have a real Australian Christmas."

Billy was overjoyed and at her bidding followed her through the bush till they reached a wonderful garden filled with brilliant flowers and fruit which surpassed his wildest dreams. Strawberries grew in masses all along the borders, and the trees were laden with luscious ripe peaches, nectarines, figs and every other southern fruit he had ever thought or heard of in or out of season.

Here they entered, and the blue fairy summoned ten other little fairies just Billy's own size and age to wait upon and entertain him. They were all in different colors, so that as they flitted about him in the sunlight with their floating gossamer gowns they looked like a rainbow.

Feast the little darky boy;
Give him pudding, fruit and toy;
Sing and dance and merry make;
Don't forget the Christmas cake
For the goodly darky boy!

Having sung and danced for him, they then set the Christmas dinner on a long, narrow table out in the garden. There were strawberries and

cream, and grape cake, mince pies (Gansler made so many that Christmas he never missed those the fairies stole), chocolates, pineapple dumplings, and last, but most important, instead of a hot plum pudding with holly, as the cold countries have, there was a huge ice cream pudding, with precious stones instead of raisins through it, and a piece of yellow wattle blossoms stuck in the top.

Five fairies sat at one side of the table and five at the other, while Billy sat at the foot, and the blue queen at the head. They filled their glasses with magic wine, so that all who drank would be lucky all the new year round. Each fairy's wine matched her dress; the green one had green wine, the pink one pink wine and the purple fairy purple wine, and so on till it came to Billy, and his was black with a crimson light in it, and he thought it more delicious than anything he had ever tasted.

Then they were given each a large slice of the grape cake, and afterward anything they wanted till they had appetite left for only the ice pudding, which on such a hot day was most refreshing. Each fairy found in her share a precious stone again to match her dress. The yellow fairy got a topaz, the heliotrope an amethyst, the blue a sapphire, and so on till it came to Billy, who, after eating for some time, suddenly closed his white teeth upon something very hard and, taking it out and looking at it, found it was an opal with every one of the fairy colors combined gleaming in it.

All the fairies gathered round him and exclaimed, "That is a magic opal, and the owner of it will some day become chief of his tribe." Hearing this, he put it in his mouth under his tongue for safety, for, as he had no clothes, of course he had no pocket.

The fairies then, seeing he had no stocking to hang up, presented him instead, for a Christmas box, with a new boomerang, telling him it was a charmed one, so that whenever he wanted anything he had only to throw the boomerang high into the air and it would return with the object of his choice and lay it at his feet.

But alas, there was a wicked little goblin peeping through from the bough of a peach tree, and, though he had not heard about or seen the boomerang, he had caught all regarding the magic opal and had seen Billy place it under his tongue. So when the little black boy had bidden goodly, thanking the fairies for his Christmas feast, and started home again he was waylaid in the bush by the evil goblin, who had followed him out of the garden to rob him. Billy refused to give up his stone and cried for help, but the goblin knocked him down and beat him till he lost consciousness. Then the wicked creature forced open his mouth, stole the magic opal and ran away with it as fast as he could.

When poor Billy recovered he soon noticed that the opal was gone and guessed who had taken it, but he was in despair of ever finding it again, so sitting miserably on the ground, he opened his mouth wide and cried long and loud. But this he soon realized was a silly, useless thing to do. Just then he spied his boomerang, which he had quite forgotten, on the ground nearby, and, remembering what the blue fairy had told him, he picked it up, and, jumping to his feet, he threw it skillfully high into the air.

Away it swung without touching the trees, and, sure enough, as the goblin, a couple of miles off, was just admiring his plunder, the boomerang lifted it out of his hand before his very eyes and carried it back to the feet of its rightful owner. Billy shouted for joy, and, putting it once more in his mouth, he took

his wonderful toy under his arm and sped down the hill. When he reached the vineyard he saw the goblin dener still at work, so asking him what he would most like as a token of gratitude for the grapes, the old man looked him up and down and answered, "There is not much a little fellow like you could do for me."

"I can do my best," said Billy. "There is only one thing I want," said the goblin sadly, "and that is the little daughter I lost in the bush a year ago."

No sooner said than the boomerang went whizzing through the air as before, and in a few moments it came floating swiftly back through the blue haze with a little fair-haired child seated happily and safely upon it. With joy too deep for words, the old man clasped her in his arms, and Billy triumphantly left them together and journeyed on again over paddocks and fence till at last he found himself back in the black camp where his little mia mia and aborigine companions were. When they found how successfully he could throw and the wonderful things the boomerang brought back he grew so very popular and rich that they at length made him chief of the tribe. Then he married a sweet little black girl with the tightest, tiny black curls and the blackest possible eyes. Round her neck he hung the magic opal, and as she wore it always they lived happily ever afterward.—Leslie's Weekly.

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A CHRISTMAS FAIRY STORY.

By AILEEN ORR.

THERE was once upon a time a little black boy called Billy. He had lived all his short life in a black camp with his parents and a number of other aborigines of the tribe. Billy had never been very kindly treated, and as he had a soft heart himself he sometimes felt it very much.

Now, one Christmas time, being left alone as usual, with no presents of any sort and no treat, he began to think of all the stories he had been told about the white children's Christmas and determined then and there to find out what it was really like. He had heard of the Christmas hills in a country many miles off and planned to go there, believing from their name that these must contain all the mysteries of Santa Claus and other joys from which he had always been isolated.

With a loving farewell to his own mia mia—the little shelter of branches which he had built for himself against the thunderstorms—he set off with only a piece of opossum skin hung round his waist for clothing and a boomerang in his hand.

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